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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP Amendment Number 3 (Non-MPO Areas)**

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 3 to the non-urbanized portion of California's 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This FSTIP amendment proposes programming modifications for projects in the state highway, local highway and transit elements of the FSTIP that are located outside the planning boundaries of the designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

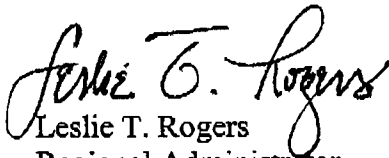
The letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) approval of all except the following transit project into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP:


- PPNO4934, Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS). This project in Mariposa County is for \$393,471 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 funds in FY 2002/03 for YARTS. This project is excluded from this amendment because it was not submitted to Caltrans by a Regional Transportation Planning Agency or a Metropolitan Planning Organization in accordance with the FHWA/FTA planning regulations.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that it was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the statewide planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are for projects located in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for inclusion of FSTIP Amendment No. 3 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. We have determined that this FSTIP Amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

  
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Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

  
For  
Gary N. Hamby  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration